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REMARKS

Prior to entry of this paper, claims 1-17 were pending in this application. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant has withdrawn claims 1-14 without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue its subject matter in the present application and in related applications. Applicant has amended claims 15-17. New claims 18-32 have been added. After entry of this paper, claims 15-32 will be pending in this application. Applicant submits that these amendments add no new matter.

Support for Claim Amendments

Support for the amendment to claim 15 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraphs 32-36, 77-80 and 98.

Support for amended claim 16 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraph 80.

Support for amended claim 17 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraph 77 and in original claim 1.

Support for new claim 18 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraphs 27 and 59.

Support for new claim 19 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraphs 76 and 94.

Support for new claims 20-23 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraph 48.

Support for new claim 24 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraph 49.

Support for new claim 25 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraphs 88 and 99.

Support for new claims 26 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraph 101.

Support for new claim 27 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraph 46.

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Support for new claim 28 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraph 47.

Support for new claim 29 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraph 88.

Support for new claim 30 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraph 101.

Support for new claims 31-32 is found throughout the application as originally filed, at least, for example, in paragraph 87.

CONCLUSION

Following entry of this amendment, claims 15-32 will be pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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